

Austrian Schoolship Blown Up; Cadets and Crew Lost

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LIONS LEAP INTO AUDIENCE; MANY ARE HURT IN PANIC

RUSSIAN SQUADRON BLOWS UP A GERMAN SHIP ON BLACK SEA

Great Battle Is On 30 Miles West of Warsaw, Where German Army Has Inflicted Heavy Losses on the Russian Troops.

82 KILLED, 281 INJURED BY GERMAN RAIDING FLEET.

TRIESTE (via London), Dec. 17 [United Press].—Official announcement was made here to-day that the Austrian training ship Beethoven had been blown up by a mine and had foundered with all on board.

She carried a number of naval cadets, in training for the Austrian navy. The number of those who perished was not given.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—The Russian Black Sea fleet has sunk the German steamer Derintie off the Turkish coast. It was officially announced here to-day. The Derintie was a steamer of the Levantine line.

WARSAW (via London), Dec. 17 [Associated Press].—A great battle is in progress at Sochaczew, thirty miles west of Warsaw.

The German wedge which is proceeding in a southerly direction from Ilow has managed, after heavy fighting in which serious losses are reported to have been inflicted, to establish itself a quarter of a mile west of Sochaczew. The Polish campaign now centres at that point.

MINES LEFT IN GERMAN RAID SINK THREE BRITISH SHIPS

Members of Crews on British Patrol Ships Reported to Have Been Wounded by the Kaiser's Fleet.

LONDON, Dec. 17 (United Press).—The steamer Elterwater struck a mine and was sunk to-day off Flamborough Head. Six of the vessel's crew are missing.

Another vessel, not yet identified, also struck a mine and went down near by. The passengers and crew of the latter vessel escaped by taking to lifeboats.

Flamborough Head is fifteen miles south of Scarborough, one of the towns bombarded by the Germans yesterday. The freight steamer Princess Olga was sunk during the night after striking a mine six miles off Hartlepool. Members of the crew of this vessel, who were rescued, reported that they saw a German steamer laying mines near the point where the Princess Olga went down.

The German cruisers are also reported to have dropped mines overboard as they fled after the bombardment yesterday.

The Admiralty to-day issued notice that traffic between Flamborough Head and Newcastle had been abandoned until further notice.

A lieutenant and six men, wounded on a British destroyer, have been landed at South Shields. It is expected that other wounded seamen will be put ashore. This is believed to indicate that the destroyers engaged the Germans in a lively battle after their raid yesterday.

Details of the engagements between the raiding cruisers and the British patrol ships reported by the Admiralty yesterday are still lacking. It

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WHITMAN'S AIDES GRILL 4 MEN HELD AS BAFF SUSPECTS

Closeted in Room at Headquarters With Prisoners Taken Last Night.

PLAN TO HOLD THEM.

Two Believed to Be Directly Implicated in Events Leading to Slaying.

Immediate steps were taken by headquarters officials to-day to hold by process of law the four suspects in the Baff case rounded up last night.

David Rubin Kolodny and Isadore Switzsky, the "chicken pullers" from the Hoboken yards, are to be taken before Coroner Feinberg to be held by him as direct suspects.

"Chicken Moo" Rosenstein, who was arrested on an old charge of having passed a forged check for \$20 on Mrs. James Beggs, owner of a Coney Island grocery, and against whom the police have two additional charges of forgery in Coney Island resorts, was taken to the Coney Island Court to be arraigned. The co-operation of District Attorney Crosey of Brooklyn was sought by Headquarters and his promise obtained that a prohibitive bail would be set for Rosenstein.

James Moore, the fourth man caught, will be taken to General Sessions to be arraigned on the old charge of assault, found by a Grand Jury last September.

A. T. Pierson, the associate of Barnett Baff in the fight against the West Washington Market ring of chicken dealers and representative of Western shippers, was the victim of the assault for which Moore and Switzsky have been arrested.

Shortly after noon to-day Acting District Attorney DeLoach, accompanied by Assistant District Attorneys Deuel and Murphy, held a conference with Judge Malone, of the Court of General Sessions, and obtained from him a commitment to the House of Detention which, it is understood, is to apply to one of the witnesses brought to Police Headquarters last night's general round-up. The name of this witness was not allowed to become public.

Following this move Assistant District Attorneys Deuel and Murphy went to Headquarters and were there assigned a special room to themselves. They began a re-examination, one by one, of the four prisoners caught in last night's raid.

No representative of Headquarters was in the room with the two representatives of the District Attorney's office while their lengthy cross-questioning of Kolodny, Rosenstein, Switzsky and Moore was in progress.

It became known to-day that the

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Car Kills Boy; Crowd Threatens

Seven-year-old James Holly, who lived at No. 233 West Sixty-ninth Street, was killed by a southbound Amsterdam Avenue car at Sixty-seventh Street and Amsterdam Avenue when he was returning to school after the noon recess to-day. Because of the threat of a crowd which quickly gathered, Motorman Patrick Daly and Conductor Eugene Kennedy of the car's crew locked themselves in the car until police protection arrived.

Court House and Slayer Who Is on Trial To-Day; Boy He Killed and Daughter He Made a Widow



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FUMES IN SHIP'S HOLD OVERCOME FIVE MEN

Ammonia and Charcoal Drop Workers on Highland Heather, Argentine Beef Vessel.

Five men unloading the Lampart & Holt beef ship Highland Heather, from Argentine ports, at Pier 5, East River, Brooklyn, to-day were overcome by ammonia and charcoal fumes. The interior of the ship is kept cold by ammonia in pipes, and to dissipate the fumes at the end of the voyage charcoal is burned in braziers.

Twelve men raised a hatch and were about to drop down and begin to unload when the mingled ammonia and charcoal fumes struck them and five fell unconscious.

The surviving seven dragged the men to a gangway for fresh air, and an ambulance took them to the Holy Family Hospital. Domenico Scotti, twenty-five, of No. 42 Carroll Street, recovered sufficiently to go home. The others overcome were Louis Frank and N. A. Scotti and a man unidentified.

COURT UPHOLDS JILTING IF FIANCEE BARS BABIES

Supreme Court Justice Benton of Rochester, temporarily filling a vacancy on the local bench, to-day pronounced the judicial opinion that a man is entitled, even at the very steps of the altar, to be relieved of a promise to wed if he learns his prospective bride is incapable of bearing or will not bear children. The opinion was given in the breach of promise suit of Miss Bertha Schechtel, daughter of a wealthy merchant, against David Arthur Greenhouse, of Hoboken. The jury returned a verdict holding Greenhouse was justified in refusing to marry Miss Schechtel. Justice Benton based his opinion on a letter written by Miss Schechtel to Greenhouse.

she wrote, "who told me I probably would never have any children. She said she supposed I wouldn't mind that, but my husband would. I agreed I wouldn't mind at all, but I wondered what the husband should have to say about it. How does it concern him in the least?" "I shall be ashamed to look into your funny little face when you call I even feel ashamed of myself. It is very funny, dear. I am really very innocent about things I ought to know."

BRITISH SQUADRON BOMBARDS TURKISH TROOPS ON AEGEAN SEA.

ATHENS, via London, Dec. 17 (Associated Press).—A British squadron has bombarded Turkish troops who had concentrated Sunday on the coast of the Gulf of Saros, the arm of the Aegean Sea north of the Dardanelles. This information was received here to-day in a despatch from Mytilene. Details are lacking.

ONE LION IS SHOT AFTER RACE THROUGH TWO UPTOWN STREETS

Six Ferocious Beasts Plunge From Stage Into Audience of Crowded Theatre in East Eighty-sixth Street.

During the performance in Moss & Brill's vaudeville theatre in Eighty-sixth Street, between Lexington and Third Avenues, this afternoon six performing lions escaped from their cage on the stage and made their way into the auditorium through a passageway at the rear of the boxes. The curtain had just descended on an act and the lights had just been turned up when a woman saw the first of the lions and uttered a shriek that brought the great audience to its feet.

The six lions bounded out into the side aisle and in a moment everybody in the house knew what had happened. There was a rush for the front doors, but the lions started in the same direction and the audience piled back. Persons in the upper balconies dashed for the stairs and fire escapes. Many of those in the lower part of the house climbed over the footlights and ran back to the stage.

Dozens of persons were knocked down and trampled upon. Many were seriously injured. Apparently none of the performers who had charge of the lions were in the theatre.

The lions made a dash for the front door and one of them escaped into the street. He dashed across to the northwest corner of Eighty-sixth Street and Third Avenue, where he took refuge in the hallway leading up to a photograph gallery, the second door from the corner.

The other lions, frightened by the clamor, remained in the lobby of the theatre. Soon there were men about with revolvers taking shots at all six of the lions. A bullet from one of these revolvers struck Sergeant Glynn of the East Eighty-sixth Street station in the back, inflicting a wound that made necessary his hurried removal to Flower Hospital.

The lion in the hallway was shot and killed by a detail of policemen. Many shots were fired at the lions in the theatre, but they escaped injury. They were crowded into a corner and terrified into remaining there until the trainers arrived.

Before the lion which was killed was reached by the policeman he had gone up two flights of stairs and burst into the photograph gallery, where a woman was sitting for a portrait. She was facing the door as the lion entered and fainted away. The lion blocked the way to the door, but two of the gallery operatives started out, attempting to run over him. He clawed them both and they, too, were sent to the hospital.

Within a few minutes after the escape of the lions all Yorkville was out on a lion hunt. Thousands congregated in the vicinity of the theatre only to scatter in riotous alarm when the cry would sound that the lion was coming from this direction or that.

Many persons in the audience, unable to reach the street, rushed to the balcony, meeting those from above coming down, and there was a terrific crush on the stairway. Half an hour after the lions broke loose there were still many screaming women in the upper part of the theatre afraid to take chances in passing the lions in the lobby.

Police reserves were called out and arrived on the run. It was impossible to form fire lines, for the crowds rushed in all directions, fleeing from real or fancied lions. Firemen from Truck 13 in East Eighty-seventh Street, armed with axes, crowbars and other implements of their trade, ran to the theatre to be of service in any way possible.